and its continuance. The appointing authority may, by order in writing, withhold or withdraw a pension or part thereof, whether permanently or for a specified period if the pensioner is convicted of serious crime or is found guilty of grave misc onduct. The President reserves to himself the right of withholding a pension or gratuity, or both, either in full or in part or withdrawing a pension in full or in part, whether permanently or for a specified period and of ordering recovery from a pension or gratuity of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government, if, in any departmental or judicial proceedings, the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service, including service rendered upon re-employment after retirement.

Impact of power shortage on growth of domestic industries

*348. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that perenial shortage of power Supply is a major factor working against the growth of domestice industries; and

. what steps are being taken by Government to provide more power to such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No Sir. The growth of domestic industrial production depends on a number of factors such as domestic and export demand conditions, availability of raw materials and power availability etc.

(b) Power generation has been given high priority in the Eighth Plan. In the first three years of the Eighth Plan, power generation broadly achieved the target set.

Steps to expedite the case of revision of Pay Scale of UDCs

*349. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 3224 and 749 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1994 and the 16th March, 1995 respectively and state :

(a) the reasons for delay in taken the decision by the Board of Arbitration and by when the same is likely to be disposed of finally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not furnished additional/necessary documents as desired by the Board to take a final decision in the matter;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what effective steps Government propose to take to expedite the matter?

TH MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). On the request of the Staff Side, the Board of Arbitration, in the last hearing on March 8, 1995 asked for some additional documents, copies of which have been obtained and furnished to them. The Board is now to fix the date for hearing. Action in matter will be taken by the Government on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Procurement through wagon industries

*350. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have called Global tenders to purchase the Railway equipment, wagons, high-speed locos, though domestic industries have been able to produce such items;

(b) if so, what is Government's position in this matter when those industries depend up on adequate orders from the Railways; and

(c) if not, the annual consumption of such items by the Railways and the procurement orders given to those industries vis-a-vis their installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The requirements of items mentioned in part (a) depend upon transport needs and very from year to year. However, orders placed on the industry for Railway equipment, viz. Wagons and locomotives in 1994-95, are tabulated below:

Item	No ordered in 1994-95	Capacity
Wagons in terms of four-wheelers. . . .	10,800	35635 (Licensed)
Electric Locmotives with BHEL	20	[illegible]

Approval to Pepsico for setting up of a holing company

*351. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had granted approval to Pepsico Inc. for setting up of a 100 per cent holding company in India; and

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions thereof, particularly regarding funding and investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Pepsi Co. Inc., USA have been granted approval to set up a 100 per cent holding company in India with investment of US $ 95.00 Million. This will be invested in Indian subsidiary company, joint ventures or business activities. Inter-alia, these include promotion of new export projects/joint ventures as also investment in food processing industries, establishment of backward linkages with farmers, manufacturing/marketing/distribution of beverages, technology upgradation etc.

Funds for the rehabilitation of beedi workers

*352. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to earmark funds for the rehabilitation of beedi workers coming under the impact of severe anti beedi legislation;

(b) what funds the Ministry have earmarked for 1995-96; and

(c) whether any funds have already been spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The proposed Anti-Tobacco Legislation may not significantly effect employment situation in the Beedi-Industry.

Instructions issued for speedy disposal of pension cases

*353. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 234 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the details of various instructions issued by Government for speedy disposal of pension cases of retiring persons; and

(b) what measures are adopted by Government to ensure the implementation of the same and to punish the erring Departments/offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The concerned Ministries and Departments from where a Government servant retires are responsible for ensuring such payments without delay. Some of the important steps taken by the Go-